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Enclosed please find the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated October 11, 2004 – (2 pages); and
2. Preliminary Amendment – (4 pages).

Best regards,

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Application No. : 10/718,484 Confirmation No. 8434
Applicants: : Dirk L. Basting et al.
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1. Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicants are independent inventors.

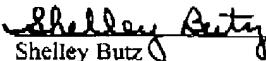
EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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(37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,

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